

2004 ELK HUNTING SEASONS

Hunters may select one zone and may select either an A tag or B tag in most zones. A few zones are limited to controlled hunts. In general, A tags provide more opportunity for muzzleloader and archery hunters, and B tags provide more opportunity for centerfire rifle hunters.

Any person who receives a controlled hunt permit for elk is prohibited from hunting in any other elk hunt—archery, muzzleloader, or general, EXCEPT by purchasing a leftover nonresident elk tag, if available.

Note: Residents or nonresidents may purchase unsold nonresident deer or elk tags at the nonresident price starting Aug 28, to be used as a second tag.

ANTLERED ELK: Only elk with at least one antler longer than 6 inches may be taken in any season which is open for antlered elk only. In antlered or spike-only seasons, antlers must accompany the carcass while in transit.

ANTLERLESS ELK: Only elk without antlers or with antlers shorter than 6 inches may be taken in any season which is open for antlerless elk only.

SPIKE ELK: Only elk with no branching on either antler and at least one antler longer than 6 inches may be taken in any season which is open for spike elk only. A branch is an antler projection that is at least one inch long and longer than the width of the projection. In antlered or spike-only seasons, antlers must accompany the carcass while in transit.

BROW-TINED ELK: Only elk having at least one antler with a visible point on the lower half of the main beam which is four inches or greater in length may be taken in any season open for brow-tine elk only.

MANDATORY REPORT

REQUIREMENTS: All elk hunters are required to fill out a Harvest Report within 10 days after harvest, or within 10 days of the close of the hunting season.

ARCHERY & MUZZLELOADER PERMITS

Any person hunting in an archery-only season, including controlled hunts, must have in possession their license with archery permit validation.

Any person hunting in a muzzleloader-only season, including controlled hunts and traditional hunts, must have in possession their license with muzzleloader permit validation.

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See page 11.

LEGAL IN SPIKE ELK HUNTS



SPIKE ELK

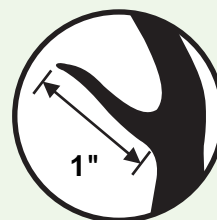
One antler must be at least 6 inches or longer. (Not legal in brow-tined elk hunts.)

NOT LEGAL IN SPIKE ELK HUNTS OR BROW-TINED ELK HUNTS



BRANCH ANTLERED BULL (OR LARGER)

NOT legal for spike-only hunts if branched point is longer than one inch.



Antler branch is a projection one inch or more in length.

LEGAL IN BROW-TINED ELK HUNTS



Brow Tine

CAUTION - Archers: "Any weapon" antlerless elk hunts will be open, on or within 1 mile of private fields on which cultivated crops are currently growing, in all or parts of the following zones: Palouse, Pioneer, Beaverhead, Salmon and Lemhi. A muzzleloader controlled hunt in a small portion of Unit 1 runs Dec 15 - Dec 31. Please use appropriate caution if hunting.

The colors on this map are only to distinguish zone boundaries

2004 ELK MANAGEMENT ZONES

